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by

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CHAPTER III.

POULTRY HOUSES.

Poultry houses should be built to accommodate the number you desire to keep together. For the purposes of fertile eggs, or merely for eggs, the best number seems to be thirteen birds. In the case of fertile eggs twelve hens and a cock; otherwise all hens.

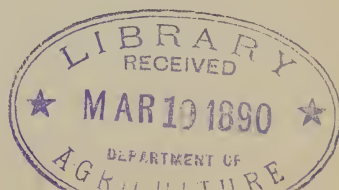
It is decidedly best to have the houses

separate and distinct from each other, so that each flock may be wholly by itself. The roof may be continuous for hundreds of feet in length, but the partitions should be solid, or sheds and enclosed houses should alternate for the entire distance.

Each shed and house should have a yard for the flock and a good size for thirteen would be about twelve feet by 20 feet. The house and shed should be ten by twelve feet, which, added to the yard make 12 by 30 feet in the lot.

The size of the house will be 6 ft. by 10 ft., and the size of the shed the same. Height 8 ft. in front and 6 ft. in the rear. Together, they will extend across one end of the yard.

All the materials needed for the shell of this house and shed are common boards, nails, a window sash, two pairs of hinges, hasp and staples for doors with padlock. Having these, with a hammer and saw you can very easily put up your house. You



need no frame. The edges of the boards placed close together and then covered with battens on the outside, is easy and good work. The roof of wide boards lapped. The door and the window shutter may be made of the same lumber.

Do not forget to have the padlock ready for use on the door.

The first idea of a poultry house should be to keep its inhabitants comfortable in both winter and summer. To do this is not a hard matter in summer; but in winter it requires more than a shell of boards.

The best material to use, on many accounts, is heavy tarred paper used on the inside of the house, lining both the wall and ceiling throughout.

This is a non-conductor of cold. It prevents both leakage of snow and rain, and the penetration of the cold winds. It is destructive to insects, also. It costs but little. It should even be a lining to the door.

Every poultry house should have a window in front with glass and shutter in the winter, and with a wire net for summer. It should be near the floor, so that the morning sun in winter may reach the poultry.

The door into the house should be under the shed, and in summer may be replaced by a door of wire net. It should be wide enough to admit freely an ordinary wheelbarrow.

The floor is the most important part of the house. It should be at least six inches above the ground on the outside of the house. It may be of hard packed earth, of boards, or of cement.

Although cement is cold, yet we prefer it. The proportions are 3 bushels of lime, 6 of sand, 3 of gravel, 1 of cement. This makes a hard, smooth floor, easily cleaned. We cover it with dry dust.

Around the outside the house should be

"banked" to keep out the cold in winter and the wet in summer and winter.

The land should slope away from the house and drainage should be carefully attended to. It is important that this should be done and the cost is nothing.

Make no attempt at ventilation. In summer it is provided and in winter it is not needed if the house is properly cleansed.

If it is desired to paint this house, mineral paint may be used of some dull color.

It is only as a preservative of the wood that it is of any value.

The entire cost of such a house will be about \$15.00 without the labor. Where a series are built it will be less.

We hear much in reference to extensive and beautiful poultry houses, and those who think of the business are often prevented by this prospective outlay. It is on this account that we have been thus particular and will here give the items.

600 feet of lumber @ 15	\$9.00
5lbs of nails.....	.20
Hasp, Staples and Hinges...	.25
Padlock.....	.25
Sash.....	1.50
Tarred Paper.....	1.50
Wire Net.....	.50
Cement and Lime &c.....	1.80
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	\$15.00

We have given here what we believe to be the best form of a poultry house for practical use, so far as the shell is concerned. The internal arrangements will be given hereafter.

Costly houses may be built to suit the fancy of those who have money and may be just as well for the production of eggs and the comfort of the poultry. They cannot be any better for these purposes. And the eye alone of the proprietor, his family and his friends will be gratified by the beauty which added cost may bring.

The ornamental embellishments of such buildings are not lost, if they bring pleasure to the builder and owner; for the object of spending money is to add to the happiness of life; and why not in this direction as well as in any other.

VENTILATION.

In ordinary chicken houses, it is impossible to keep out the air in cold weather; and if the droppings are carefully removed every morning and covered with dust, the atmosphere will not be polluted. We are not in favor of any elaborate system of ventilation.

It is our belief that houses in the summer should be open to the air, the wind and the sunlight. At night they should be closed, windows and doors, with wire net.

The conclusion is, that ventilation is for the most part a big humbug. If proper cleanliness is attended to—the droppings cared for—a plenty of dry dust given and used—the whitewash not forgotten—no provision need be made for special ventilation.

For The Maryland Farmer.

BED BUG EXTERMINATOR.

Editor Md. Farmer:

As this is the season to look out for bed bugs I send you the formula for a mixture that will prove cheap, effectual and odorless, if applied properly.

To one pint of strong brine—i. e. a saturated solution of common salt in water—add one ounce of corrosive sublimate, which will quickly dissolve, and it is ready for use—to be applied with a brush.

This will not stain or act on the varnish of furniture, like the solution of sublimate

in alcohol. The salt is also very offensive and destructive to the bugs.

A. P. SHARP.

Baltimore, Md.

BOOKS OF PETER HENDERSON.

Perhaps no books ever written were more practical than those of the late Peter Henderson. We can supply them to our subscribers post paid as follows:

	Cash.	Premiums for subscribers.
Gardening for Profit	\$2.00	4
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There are always people to be found who are ready to act as brakes on the wheels who are not ready to get in the traces and pull the load.

Boys are sometimes tempted to think that to be tender-hearted is to be weak and unmanly. Yet the tenderest heart may be associated with the strongest and most forcible mind and will.

Learn from nature not to divide your energies unduly. Her compromises frequently look like failures. The land is good for men to live on; the sea is good for fishes to live in; but a sea marsh is good for neither, being too wet for men and too dry for fishes.

Every one must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness on all around; and most of us can, as we choose, make of this world either a palace or a prison.

GARDEN AND ORCHARD.

We call especial attention to this list of Nurserymen, Seedsmen, Florists, etc. They all issue good Catalogues and will cheerfully send you one free, if you write referring to the Maryland Farmer. We believe every one of them to be reliable.—*Editor Md. Farmer.*

Wm. H. Moon, Glenwood Fruit and Ornamental Nurseries. Morrisville, Pa.

D. H. Patty, Nurseries. Geneva, N. Y.
Agents Wanted.

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New and Rare Plants.

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Ornamental Trees & Shrubs.

Eliwanger & Barry, Mount Hope Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y.

Lewis Roesch, Grape Vines and Small Fruits. Fredonia, N. Y.

C. E. Allen, Seeds, Plants, Fruits, Roses, Bulbs. Brattleboro, Vt.

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W. M. Peters & Sons, Peach Trees a Specialty. Wesley, Md.

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For the Maryland Farmer.

STRAWBERRIES.

The season is rapidly approaching when it will be one of the duties you owe to yourself and to your family, if you have

not already performed it, to set out a bed of strawberries in your garden, or somewhere on your farm.

The day is past when the farmer and his family should go without the dainties and luxuries which, with neither trouble nor expense, he can grow beside his door.

Of all things in this world, it is the greatest shame that the family must be deprived of the small fruits which are so easily grown, but which are so generally neglected.

Strawberries are as healthy as they are delicious, and have saved many a doctor's bill by their healing and strengthening acids. They are useful as well as beautiful, strengthening as well as luxurious.

It is no task to form a bed of them, for if they have half a chance they will grow and spread and give plenty of fruit.

Any one of your neighbors who has them will gladly supply you plants enough to make a commencement. Do not hesitate even if you are forced to buy a hundred or two plants. Get them and set them out, cultivate them and enjoy them. You will never regret it.

For the Maryland Farmer.

SETTING OUT.

Trees, Plants, Flowers, etc., etc.

Most of those who desire to add to their orchards take the Spring in which to do this work. Any time between the falling of the leaves in the autumn and the expanding of the leaves in the Spring, other things being favorable, may be employed in this work.

Large trees are sometimes moved during the winter; but then the preparations must be made in the fall, and a large ball of frozen earth must be taken on the roots to insure a reasonable prospect of success.

To one who is accustomed to transplant trees, success is a reasonable certainty, and

failure one of the things which tells of lack of experience, or care, in the person engaged in the work.

We are in earnest in our advice to set out as many orchard trees as you can readily obtain and of such a character as will be a good inheritance for yourself or your children in years to come.

Among these we believe no fruit has a larger profitable future than the Quince. Of course for many years to come if not always, the consumption of apples will be far beyond that of any other fruit; but we refer to the profit to be derived from orchards.

Make your plans now, and secure in advance all the plants you expect to use during the coming season. If you have not on your own farms made the necessary hot beds for plants, then do not delay the engagement of them from those who have raised them. You will want tomato, sweet potato, cabbage plants, etc.

We also advise that a liberal portion of small fruit plants be procured. The large majority of farms are destitute of small fruits, while almost the first question asked by customers who are speaking of any farm is in reference to these.

Among small fruits we have large faith in currants and gooseberries. It is always well to have an occasional gooseberry bush in the rows of currents; for they attract the moths and the currents escape in some measure.

In spring planting do not forget the flowers. They are the great source of innocent happiness. Of course they may not bring a large amount of money profit; but they do actually bring a profit in personal enjoyment which cannot be measured by money value. Let shrubs, and rose bushes, and perennial roots be your principal quest, but do not neglect even the annuals.

We believe in flowers. No family which

loves the flowers; but adds somewhat to the real blessings of life and is elevated thereby to a better, a brighter, a nobler experience in our earthly existence.

WORK WHICH PAYS.

In your neighborhood, receiving their mail at your post office are—farmers. It will be very easy to procure a good list of subscribers among them and your part of the cash will be a good premium for your pleasant labor. Many a young lady, many a lad has realized \$10 in a single week's work obtaining subscriptions and had most of the time for other work, only using spare time for this. If you wish to work, write us for terms and sample copies and send us the names of all the farmers you wish to visit and we will send them sample copies to prepare the way for you. Write the name of the post office plainly as well as the names of the farmers.

If you do not wish to work, send the name of some one who does.

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It is not generally known that many of our best chemists have pronounced the chemical analysis of soils of no account. Some have even gone so far as to declare that a ton of the best commercial fertilizer mingled with the surface soil of an acre cannot be detected in the chemical analysis.

Such an amount may, however, be all that is needed to produce the heaviest crops. Farmers are therefore all at sea once more in their scientific theories of cultivation.

This shows that only practical experience can be depended upon to insure results. No one can take a handful of

soil and tell in the laboratory what must be added to the field for any crop.

Science is good, but the voice of the crop itself is vastly better—nature tells her story while man's nicest tests are dumb.

THAT GREAT CORN CROP

A FAILURE.

The prize corn crop of 254 49-50 bushels at 75c, which is the extreme price which can be placed upon it, and the value of fodder @\$15 make \$206.16. The cost of the crop was \$264.42. Thus the great corn crop was in fact a failure; for in light sandy land the fertilizer remaining can hardly be expected to pay a large profit on subsequent crops. The object in these contests should be the greatest amount of actual profit from the acre. Then they will be of practical value.

THIS WINTER.

An observing farmer tells us that the past winter has been very hard on stock on portions of the eastern shore of Maryland.

Very heavy fogs have prevailed there and these have had a bad effect upon stock. The barn yard fodder has often been mostly wasted, because the stock has had a nibble of green occasionally, enough to destroy their appetites for dry fodder. The stock is not looking as well, as healthy and as bright, as when the cold is steady and more uniform during the winter.

His own stock, although abundantly supplied with more than usual care, is looking worse than for many years past.

We invite our readers to send us—on postal cards if handy—any item of interest on any branch of farm work. We will make it useful in our columns.

We want to know of every successful crop and how it was raised; Of every failure and what caused it; How sweet Ensilage is secured; Why some Ensilage spoils; Of every new canning house or creamery erected. Send us all events in your neighborhood which will interest or instruct others.

JERSEY CATTLE.

In conversation with a thoughtful farmer the other day, we were favored with these words:

The introduction so generally of the Jersey Cows has been a curse to our country; for consider they are good for nothing as beef, they give very little milk and all their milk is good for is to make butter.

Now, he continued, many other breeds give more milk, and giving more milk produce as much butter, and when ready to kill are good beef. Farmers all over the country who have paid large prices for Jersey stock are sick of their bargains.

Brother farmers, is this so? Has the Jersey bubble burst? Who can tell better than you? Give us the answer.

WRITING ADVERTISEMENTS.

Alden and Faxon, Newspaper Advertising Agents, Cincinnati, Ohio, have just issued a very neat List of the leading newspapers of the United States. The first 10 or 12 pages are devoted to advertisements, which they have written for various firms, and which have been prominent successes; also hints and suggestions to new advertisers. This firm make a specialty of writing advertisements, and of devising methods by which money can be made out of newspaper advertising. Judg-

ing by their little book, they have been eminently successful in this direction. This Newspaper List will be sent free on application.

THE LATEST POSTAGE STAMPS.

The one cent stamp contains a profile bust after Rubricht, of Benjamin Franklin, printed in ultramarine blue.

On the two cent stamp is a profile bust after Houdon, of George Washington, looking to the left, on an oval disc, printed in carmine.

The three cent stamp contains a profile bust, after Powers, of Andrew Jackson, on an oval disc, printed in purple.

The four cent stamp contains a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, after a photograph from life, three-quarters face, looking to the right. The color is chocolate.

On the five cent stamp is a portrait of Gen. Grant, after a photograph from life, three quarters face, looking to the right; color light brown.

The six cent denomination has a portrait of James A. Garfield, after a photograph from life, three-quarters face.

The ten cent stamp contains a portrait of Daniel Webster, after a daguerreotype from life, three-quarters face, looking to the left color milori green.

The fifteen cent denomination has a portrait of Henry Clay, after a daguerreotype from life. The color is deep blue.

On the thirty cent stamp is a profile bust of Thomas Jefferson, after Coracchi; color black.

The ninety cent denomination contains a profile bust of Commodore O. H. Perry, after Walcott's statue. The color is orange.

A MODEL CREAMERY.

We have received of A. H. Reid, Philadelphia, Pa., a large manufacturer of Creamery Supplies and Dairy Fixtures, whose advertisement appears in another column, a catalogue containing a clear illustration, description and plan of a new creamery which he has built and is now operating. It is built to operate on the Separator system, and is capable of handling the product of 500 cows, or of 12,000 pounds of milk per day. It has many labor saving inventions, which simplify and add to the efficiency of the working of the creamery. The catalogue also contains a description of a full line of Creamery Supplies and Dairy Fixtures. Persons interested in dairying and butter making, or those operating or about to build creameries, would do well to write to Mr. Reid for a catalogue.

Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. Address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

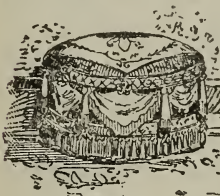
Feed slow people on ketch-up.

"Swans sing before they die." They have to, if they sing at all.

My little two-year-old has added something new to the story of Joseph and his brethren. I told him the Bible version of the story, and he seemed much interested in Joseph's coat of many colors. When I had finished, he said, "Papa tell me about his pants."

A FINE FAUTEUIL.

There is at present a great demand for draped articles of furniture and knickknacks in parlors and drawing rooms. It is said that



FAUTEUIL.

this "fad" was originated at the late Paris exposition by the fine upholstering exhibit there. As everybody knows, we get most of our styles in furniture from Paris, and the design accompanying for a draped fauteuil comes direct from the show-room of a leading Paris upholsterer. The side under draperies are in dark goods, while the hangings are light enough to avoid somber effect. The square top piece can be in light plush, plain or prettily embroidered.

GATES FOR WIRE FENCES.

The application for fastening a barb wire gate without pulling one's arms and tearing their clothes into shreds is depicted in the cuts here reproduced from Farm and Fireside.

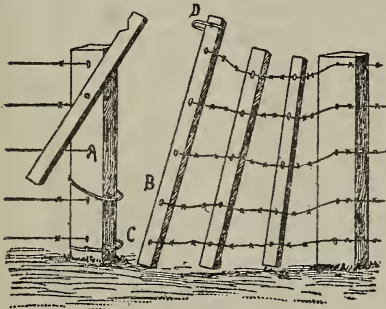


FIG. 1—BARB WIRE FENCE GATE.

In stretching your wire, let it run across the opening where the gate is wanted. Staple it fast to the gate posts with extra long staples. Set your braces as usual, then cut off the wires at post just outside of staples. Staple the gate wires to 2x2 inch stakes, with an oak 2x3 inch piece, B, at end of wires, with a small notch cut at upper end. Now cut two pieces of No. 16 plain wire, 48 inches long; fasten one to the bottom of the post, A, for bottom loop. Make a ring of the other, and with a staple fasten it to the top of stake. B. Cut a

piece of oak scantling 2x4, 49 inches long; cut a notch $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, 2 inches from one end. Bore a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hole through the 2 inch way, 14 inches from the notch. Bore a similar hole through post A, 11 inches from the top, from outside to inside, or vice versa.

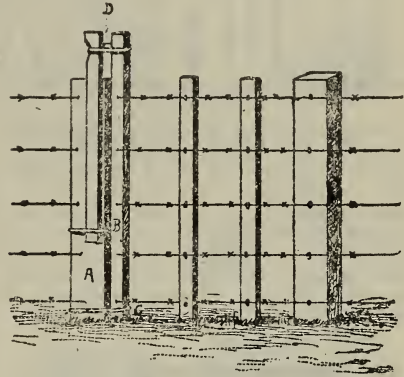


FIG. 2—BARB WIRE FENCE GATE.

Bolt the piece of 2x4 on the outside of post, with the notched side away from the gate. Run a piece of wire around the post and 2x4, and fasten with a staple on the outside of the post about two inches above the end of the 2x4 piece. When closing your gate, set the lower end of stake (B) in loop (C) and draw the upper end tight. Lower the upper end of lever (as in Fig. 1) so that ring (D) will pass easily over into notch. Straighten it up to its place, and fasten with wire at bottom.

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GROUND FLOOR.

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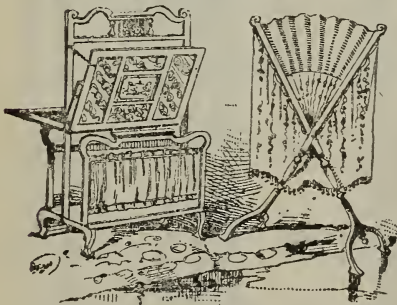


SECOND FLOOR.

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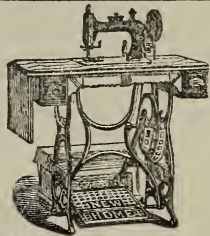
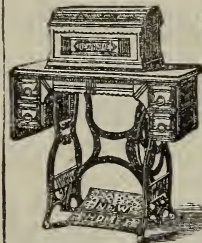
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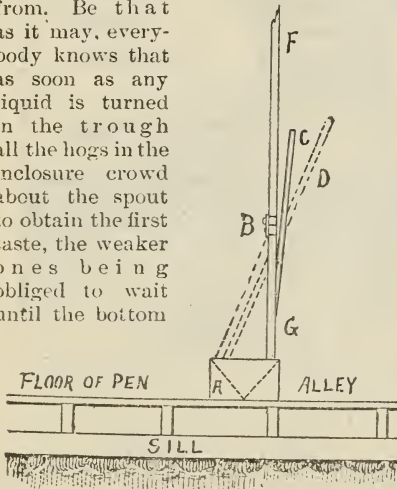


FIG. 1—PIG TROUGH.

of the trough is flooded ere they can quench their thirst or appease their hunger. All this crowding and unequal feeding may be regulated, says a correspondent in Rural New Yorker, by the simple appliance shown in Fig. 1.

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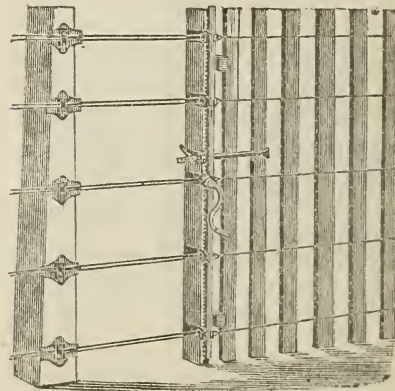
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The plan shown of Fig. 2 is intended to prevent crowding. The top of the trough is divided in separate apartments by cleats, as shown. They should be made of hard wood with rounded edges and firmly nailed not more than one foot apart. The plan shown at Fig. 1, while more expensive, is well worth the extra outlay.

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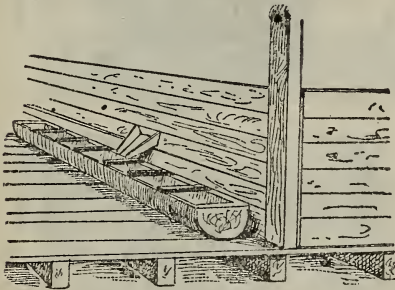


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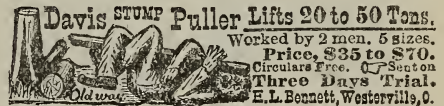
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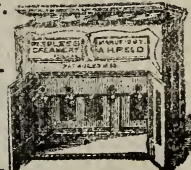
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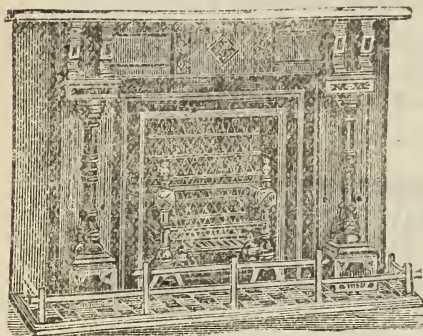


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